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Sen. Allen celebrates Reading Month

Lansing –Although books don't have the visual appeal of a television, reading is anything but flat. That's what State Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, will be demonstrating to schools throughout Northern Michigan with the assistance of the book "Flat Stanley" by Jeff Brown.

In order to promote "March is Reading Month" Allen will read to students in elementary schools across the 37th Senate District on Fridays throughout the month of March.

"The key to success in school and life is reading," Allen said. "It is important for adults to take time out of their busy schedules and read to children. I'm looking forward to spending my time reading to the students of Northern Michigan and stressing the importance of reading in their lives."

Allen became aware of the Flat Stanley book after receiving a letter from Patrick Martin, a student at West Elementary in Cheboygan, who requested a picture of Flat Stanley with the senator.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, approximately 40 percent of students across the nation cannot read at a basic level.

As a father, Allen understands the importance of passing down a love for reading and learning.

"Reading together helps children learn and develop a love of reading that will last a lifetime," Allen said. "It also provides parents with an opportunity to spend quality time with their children."

In addition to Allen's visits to local elementary schools, Allen also will be providing copies of the Flat Stanley books to the district's elementary school libraries. The books were not paid for with state funds.

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